#### WEST TROY SCHOOL CASE.

LEASING A PAROCHIAL BUILDING AS A PUBLIC SCHOOL NOT LEGAL.

SUPERINTENDENT SKINNER ALSO DECIDES THAT SISTERS OF A RELIGIOUS ORDER EM-

WEAR THEIR PECULIAR GARB

Albany, Nov. 27 .- Charles R. Skinner, Superintendent of Public Instruction, has decided the West Troy school case in favor of the appellants. The appeal was taken by F. B. Durant and others from the action of the Board of Education of the village of West Troy, now the city of Watervliet, in leasing rooms in the St. Bridget's Parochial School building for public school purposes, employing as teachers members of the Sisterhood of St. Joseph, and pertheir order in the public school rooms. The appellants contended that the public school buildings should increased sufficiently to accommodate the pupils of the district, and that the sectarian character of atnational influences in the school were so great that they were unwilling to submit their children to such influences while attending school, and for that would not allow their children to attend the school. The respondents replied that the leasing of the rooms in question at a nominal sum gave sufficient accommodations to the pupils and saved the district many thousands of dollars.

After reviewing at length the facts, Superintendon; Skinner decides, first, that the members of the Sisterhood are duly qualified teachers under the laws of the State and the regulations governing teachers' uniform examinations, and, having been duly emyed by the respondents, cannot be dismissed withnut sufficient cause; and no sufficient cause has been shown for which he should annul their certificates. In reference to the leasing of rooms, Superintendent Skinner decides that the Board of Education in leasing rooms for the school hours only of each day, the lessors having control at all other times, and in continuing this lease year after year beyond the period of emergency contemplated by the statute, acted without their jurisdiction.

In reference to the wearing of the distinctive dress or garb during school hours, Superintendent Skinner says: "There is no statutory law in this which prescribed that any particular dress or shall be worn by the teachers in the public ols in this State during school hours, nor which oibits the wearing by them of any particular as or garb during school hours; neither is there to decision of any court of this State upon the matter. Therefore, the questions to be determined are whether such practice shall be discontinued as a matter of school polity, and what the effect of the recent amendment to the Constitution is upon such

"Such dress or garb, taken in connection with the location, surroundings and distinguishing characteristics of the building leased by the school authorities, and in which they are employed, is a constant and hourly reminder to the pupils under their charge of the existence of one particular religious denomination or sect, and this public declaration under all the circumstances is such an object lesson to the susceptible minds of the pupils under their charge that it comes dangerously near the line of prohibition laid down in the Constitution.

"If we ask ourselves in what particulars this school differs from the usual parochial school, as formerly maintained therein before the adoption of the Constitutional amendment herein quoted, what reply shall we make? By the nature of the lease, by the wearing of distinctive garb, by the emblem surmounting the building, by the inscription over the doorway, by the practical result that only children of one particular faith attend this school, the conclusion is irrestable that the State, to all external intents and purposes, is maintaining a sectarian school therein at public expense. It was clearly the intent of this amendment to the organic law that this practice should be prohibited."

Mr. Skinner concurs in the oninion of his predecessor that the teachers in the public schools of the State ought not to wear the distinctive garb of any religious denomination, order, sect or society, but dress in the usual costume worm by men and women generally, and that any other costume or usage is inimical to the best educational interests of the locality, and should be discontinued. To those not satisfied with this complete severance of secular and religious instruction, the private school is open.

In conclusion Mr. Skinner decides that it is the duty of the respondents to require the teachers employed by them to discontinue the use in the public school room of the distinguishing dress or garb of the religious order to which they belong.

THE SUNDAY-SCHOOL CLASS AGAIN.

SOME OF THE THINGS THAT HAVE BROUGHT IT TOGETHER THIS TIME.

er of local and upcountry Republicans a number of local and upcountry Republicans.

Sounday-school class, were in the city yesterday and called to see him at his home in the Fifth Avenue Hotel. Chairman C. W. Hackett came all the way from Atlantic City, where he is seeking rest and restoration to health after his campaign labors. Louis F. Payn came from Chatham; Senator Timothy E. Ellsworth and Civil Service Com-missioner William A. Cobb from Lockport; Congressman Benjamin B. Odell, jr., from Newburg; Robert Hunter from Poughkeepsle; Civil Service Commissioner George P. Lord from Dundee, and State Historian Hugh Hastings and William Barnes, jr., from Albany. Edward Lauterbach

headed the local talent.

One of the matters the President pro tem. of the Senate, Mr. Elisworth, and the other patriots wanted to see Mr. Platt about had reference to the calling of the joint legislative caucus to nominate the Republican candidate for United States Senator. As the election for Senator is required be held on the third Tuesday in Januwhich comes on the 19th day of the month, it will be necessary to have the caucus some days in advance of that date. It will probably be held on Wednesday evening, January 13. The active men of the machine want to know the time so that they can begin lining up the members for the occasion. Not that there is much doubt about who will be nominated, but Mr. Platt's Triends do not intend to leave anything undone to make it as unanimous

The visits of Messrs, Lord and Cobb, the Civil Service Commissioners, related, it was believed, to their own reappointment. Each incoming Governor can name, with the advice and consent of the Senate, his own agents for carrying out the Civil Ser-

can name, with the advice and consent of the Senate, his own agents for carrying out the Civil Service laws. There is no fixed term of office. The place is worth \$2,000 a year and travelling expenses. Bilas W. Burt, the other Commissioner placed on the Board by Governor Morton. was not along with the others to see Mr. Platt yesterday. It was said that his chances for retention were not first-class. His colleagues may hold over.

"Lou" Payn, who has been mentloned for State Insurance Commissioner, had with him a copy of this week's "Chatham Republican," his local paper. It had an editorial paragraph saying that "Louis F. Payn is not a candidate for any office in the gift either of the Governor-elect or of the President-elect, but if the assassins of the Mugwump press do not cease their attacks upon him Mr. Payn may be a candidate, and if he does he will get whatever he goes after."

Mr. Payn was accused by some of the other pupils of writing the paragraph himself.

"Till not deny it," was his answer.

The office of Adjutant-General was one of the places talked over in the quiet of Room 280. C. W. Tillinghast, of Troy, was still believed to be Governor-elect Black's favorite for the place, but the prevailing opinion last evening was that a final



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decision regarding the appointment had not yet been reached.

It was reported last evening that Colonel Selden E. Marvin, who has been Military Secretary to Governor Morton, has accepted the offer of Lieu-tenant-Governor-elect Timothy P. Woodruff, it was understood, would personally increase the pay of the object so as to make it causal to \$4.000 a year, an advance of \$2,000 on the military secretaryship.

SOME POLITICAL GOSSIP

ONE DEMOCRAT WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE IN FACTIOUS OPPOSITION

MR. SAYERS SAYS REPUBLICANS SHOULD HAVE

THE SENATORIAL FIGHT IN ILLINOIS -A TALK WITH MR. BYNUM.

[BY TELEGRAPH TO THE TRIBUNE.] Washington, Nov. 27 .- Representative Savers, o priations Committee, does not believe in obstructin Congress may desire to enact to carry into effect the victory won at the polls four weeks ago. He said to-day: "While we should stand our ground and vigorously antagonize those things we do no approve of, the majority should have a fair show to put into operation speedily those policies they are pledged to. I do not think that there will be anything of importance done at this session besides the passage of appropriation bills. The important questions will come up at ap extra session. I think there is some doubt as to what the Republicans will try to is some doubt as to what the Republicans will try to do, and I do not care to discuss that. They may try to accomplish all they want by means of tariff legislation. What our policy should be seems clear. It is not right that the country should be kept on the edge of uncertainty. No factious opposition should not reach the point of obstruction. There are two good reasons for this. In the first place, the way to prove or to disprove a thing is by practice. If the policy of those who believe in high projective tariff and gold standard is going to bring prosperity to the country, the sooner that prosperity comes the better. The country is entitled to it. If it is not going to bring prosperity there should be no room left for the excuse that it did not have a fair trial; that through the fault of somebody else the majority were not able to do what they intended to. If the Republicans have a fair chance and fail to fulfit their promises, the people of this country will surely try the silver policy."

Representative Frank Aldrich, of Illinois, chairman of the Committee on Accounts, has reached Washington and will remain until Congress meets.

Mr. Aldrich is not a member of the LVth Congress and did not care to discuss the probability of action and did not care to discuss the probability of action by that body on tariff and financial lines. He was willing to talk briefly about the Senatorial fight in his State. "If the 'machine' will stand by him, Governor Tanner and the rest, there is no doubt in my mind that Alderman Madden of Chicago, will be elected," he said, "He has the local machine be behind him, but ex-Representive W. E. Mason is fighting him. There has grown up in the State a 'machine' equal in effectiveness and organization to that in Cook County, and if they operate in unison they can settle the question. But if they clash the result can only be guessed at. This much can be result can only be guessed at. This much can be result can only be fither Madden or Mason: If to the State outside of Cook County, it will be either Hitt or Cannon."

people policy.

Ex-Representative William D. Bynum, of In-diana, the chairman of the Gold Standard Demo-cratic National Committee, who is in Washington for a few days, has this to say about the part played by the Sound Money Democracy in the Presidential election: "I think the Republicana are willing to admit that the Sound Money Demcare willing to admit that the Sound Money Demo-crats held the balance of power in the election, and that their votes carried the day for McKinley, in my opinfon there were certainly not less than 1,000,000 Sound Money Democratic votes cast for the McKifiley ticket, and the number may have been 1,500,000. The votes cast for Palmer and Buckner did not by any means represent the strength of the Sound Money movement among the Democrats. There were a great many Demo-crats who were so much impressed with the

strength of the Sound Money movement among the Democrats. There were a great many Democrats who were so much impressed with the seriousness of the situation that they would not risk a vote for Palmer and Buckner, but preferred to clinch the matter by voting for McKinley outright. Take, for instance, my own county in Indiana, It gave a majority to Cleveland of Lost Indiana, It gave a majority to Cleveland of Lost Indiana, It gave McKinley 7,600 majority. Yet there were only 600 Palmer and Buckner votes cast. In my own precinct there were about twenty-five Sound Money Democrats to my knowledge, and yet I believe there was only one vote for Palmer and Buckner. The people were affail to take any chances, it was a difficult matter to scratch the ticket, and in order to make a sure thing of it they voted for McKinley outright.

Mr. Bynum was asked what he thought would be the future of those Democrats who voted the Republican ticket. "It is hard to tell at this time," he replied. "The Republicans have a glorious opportunity before them. Whether they will avail themselves of it or not I don't know. By conservative action they can retain within their party a great portion of this Sound Money Democratic vote. If they will prepare a wise solution of the currency question, obviate by adequate legislation the ever-present possibilities of a financial panic growing out of our financial system, and act conservatively upon the tariff, they will hold them. I am a believer in tariff, not only for revenue, but with incidental protection. For instance, I would not raise my revenue from tea, coffee and sugar, but from articles that compete with American labor. I do not, however, believe in protection merely for protection's sake. I think the Republicans will be likely to act conservatively in this regard."

"PAPERS OF THE PRESIDENTS."

"PAPERS OF THE PRESIDENTS,"

THIRD VOLUME OF REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD-SON'S VALUABLE WORK TO BE PUB-

Washington, Nov. 27 (Special).—Representative Richardson, of Tennessee, will in a few days place the last proofsheets of the third volume of his compilation of "Papers of the Presidents" in the hands of the printer, and in a short time the volume will be issued. This volume brings the compilation up to the Administration of William Henry Harrison, and as the work advances the papers written by Presidents become more and more voluminous. The first volume covered twenty-eight years, the second sixteen, and the third eight years. It is expected that the entire work will fill seven or eight volumes. Some criticism has been made of Mr. Richard-

son's work because it does not embrace papers son's work because it does not embrace papers accompanying Presidential messages, but if that plan had been carried out many single messages transmitted to Congress by the Presidents would require a whole volume for their presentation, and the entire collection would make the records of the Rebellion a small work in comparison to it. Mr. Richardson has adopted a method of noting after messages contained in his work the character of accompanying papers, so that the investigator who wishes further information on the subject can refer to the papers indicated, or at least can get an idea of their contents. The Papers of the Presidents' was compiled in order to gather under one head the expressions of the Presidents on various subjects before Congress, and was not intended to include other papers.

#### NAVAL AND ARMY ORDERS.

Washington, Nov. 27 .- The following officers will be detached from duty indicated and ordered to the be detached from duty indicated and ordered to the Brooklyn, December 1: Captain F. A. Cook, from Bureau of Navigation (to command); Lieutenant N. E. Mason from Bureau of Ordnance (executive); Lieutenant H. McCrea, from the Fern (navigator); Lieutenant H. McCrea, from the Feb thavigator, Includenants W. B. Caperton from Naval Intelligence Office; W. R. Rush from War College; F. R. Brainerd office: W. R. Rush from War College: F. R. Brainerd from the Enterprise: J. G. Doyle from Cramp's; ensigns A. T. Long and C. L. Leiper from the Vermont: F. L. Sandoz from the Maine: Cadets R. I. Curtin, J. H. Roys, M. S. C. Ellis and A. E. Kalbach from the Newark: Surgeon W. S. Dixon from special duty, in Washington, Chief. Engineer. special duty in Washington: Chief Engineer J. D. Ford from Cramp's; Passed Assistant Engineer T. F. Carter from the Newark; Assistant Engineer A. M. Proctor from the Maine; Assistant Engineer J. P. J. Ryan from the New-York Yard; Boatswain W. L. Hill from the League Island Yard; Acting Gun-

ner F. T. Applegate and Carpenter G. H. Warford from League Island.

The following officers are detailed to the Petrel.

December 16: Lieutenant-Commander E. P. Wood,

cember 15. Assistant Engineer C. Wells, detached from New-York Navy Yard and ordered to the Texas. Cadet W. R. Cushman, detached from the Marblehead and ordered to the Columbia. Assistant Paymaster E. W. Bonnaffon ordered to the Vermont, December I.

The following non-commissioned officers have passed the examination for commissions as second lieutenants in the Army, in the order named: First Sergeant Clinton, 4th Cavairy; First Sergeant Ovenshine, 21st Infantry; Corporal Eames, 4th Cavairy; Sergeant Field, 3th Cavairy; Corporal Brown, 5th Cavairy; Corporal Corporal Steel, 5th Infantry; Corporal Brown, 5th Cavairy; Corporal Bryonde, 1st Artillery; Sergeant Reeves, 4th Infantry; Corporal Hydron, 6th Infantry; Sergeant Reeves, 4th Infantry; Corporal Hunt, St. Levairy; Sergeant Munson, 6th Infantry; Sergeant Anderson, 4th Cavairy; Corporal Hunt, 5th Cavairy; Sergeant Munson, 6th Infantry; Sergeant Munson, 6th Infantry; Sergeant Anderson, 4th Cavairy; Corporal Hunt, 5th Cavairy; Sergeant Holder, 15th Infantry, Sergeant Major Heisit, 15th Infantry; First Sergeant Bradley, 16th Infantry; Sergeant Harder, 15th Infantry, and Corporal Wilkinson, 4th Cavairy; None of the above passed lower than 85 per cent, and eleven passed over 99 per cent, an unusually good record. At present there are no vacancies for these candidates, but it is expected that most of them will receive commissions by July next.

#### WASHINGTON NEWS NOTES.

FORECASTS OF SECRETARY HERBERT'S ANNUAL REPORT MERELY GUESSWORK.

NEW COMMANDER FOR THE NAVAL TRAINING STATION-COMMISSIONER FORMAN ASSUMES

PRINCE ITURBIDE. Washington, Nov. 27.- The following official state ment was given out by the Navy Department to-day. "Secretary Herbert's attention being called to published reports purporting to give the features of his forthcoming report, he said that all reports of this character were purely conjectural. They are based in part on his former reports and on the fact that the Secretary has received data on various subjects from naval bureau chiefs. What features of this data will

of the most eagerly sought billets in the entire Navy, the command of the Naval Training Station and training-ship Constellation at Newport, by selecting Commander John McGowan for the post, and that popular officer, who is now chief of detail on Ad-miral Ramsey's staff, will receive his orders in a day or two. Commander Francis W. Dickins, at presen in command of the Constellation, will succeed to the McGowan, who will thus become the chief drillmaster of the enlisted men of the Navy, has had consider companded the New-York Nautical Schoolship St. Mary's and the training ships Portsmouth and Al-liance. He is also one of the few ranking officers in of his ability and bravery. He served conspicuously on the Potomac flotilla and was subsequently attached to the Asistic and European stations, the Hydrographic Office, the Torpedo School and other posts which especially fit an officer for training sailors.

William S. Forman, of Illinois, took the oath of office this morning and assumed his duties as Com-missioner of Internal Revenue. He held a reception in his office and was then taken about the building by ex-Commissioner Miller and presented to the various heads of departments.

The Treasury Department has taken no action in the matter of issuing gold certificates, and it is not believed that anything will be done for sev-eral days. Meanwhile, applications from the big banks for such certificates are accumulating.

The jury in the case of Prince Iturbide, the Mexico, against the Metropolitan Club, of this city, to-day returned a verdict in favor of the club ide was expelled by the Board of Governors much the club to retretate him alleging that ernors, an opportunity to explain his action in the matter being denied. Judge Bradley said that it was out of the province of the court to say whether was out of the province of the court to say whether or not the governors acted wisely in applying the extreme penalty for the offence charged. The only questions at issue, he said, were whether, when Hurbide was before the governors, was he fairly and fully apprised of the charge against him, and did he there and then admit the charge. The jury, by its verileit, answered the questions affirmatively. Iturbide says he will appeal the

The railroad companies doing business between California have petitioned the Interstate Comtion of the Interstate Commerce act, so that they "may be authorized in the transportation of like kinds of property, to charge less compensation it the aggregate for the longer distances between points than for shorter distances over the same line, in the same direction, the shorter being included within the longer distance." They represent in their prayer that competition with water transportation from Atlantic coast points to the Pacific market renders necessary a lower through rate than they can afford to make on business which is not carried entirely through. The Commission has ordered a hearing on the petition for December 18. The companies are also ordered to file their existing tariffs on through and local business, together with the changes they wish to make in case of the suspension of the law, as asked,

The President has appointed Thomas S. Doyle

JUDGE PARKER'S SUCCESSOR CHOSEN.

IOHN H. RODGERS APPOINTED UNITED STATES JUDGE FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS.

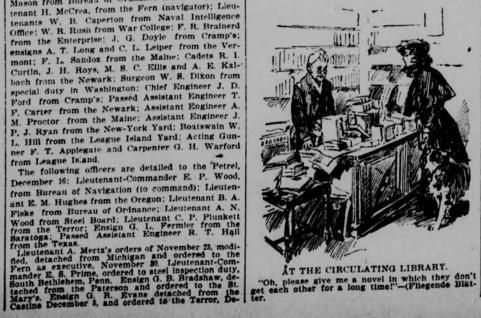
Washington, Nov. 27.-The President to-night ppointed John Henry Rodgers to be United States District Judge for the Western District of Arkan sas, in place of Judge Isaac Parker, who died re cently. Judge Rodgers formerly represented the IVth Arkansas District in Congres, having served in the XLVIIIth, XLIXth, Lth and List Congresses. He was born in North Carolina in 1845 served in the Confederate Army, is a graduate of the University of Mississippi, and was admitted to the bar in 1868.

#### LADY SCOTT'S TRIAL.

London, Nov. 27.-The trial of Lady Scott and the male defendants, Cockerton, Aylott and Kast, for having criminally libelled Earl Russell, was continued to-day with Earl Russell still in the witness-box. Sir Frank Lackwood, for the prosecution, resumed his re-examination of the plaintiff. Counse, read a letter written by Lady Scott to Earl Russell, in which she told him she loved him dearly and urged him to bring all his troubles to her.

Earl Russell said that this letter was sent to him by Lady Scott after he had communicated to her the incidents of his past life.

Mr. St. George Lane, a cousin of Earl Russell, was called to the stand. He testified that he had objected to Earl Russell's marriage to Lady Scott's daughter





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and warned him against association with Lady Scott on account of her notoriously bad character. Witness said that he was on board Earl Russell's yacht at the same time that lon Thynne was a guest on board, and it was not true, as alleged, that he had ever seen anything wrong there. If Avlott said that the witness had seen him threaten to strike Earl Russell with a coal hammer Aylott lied.

After evidence had been given in regard to the responsibility of Lady Scott for printing and circulating the libeis against Earl Russell upon which the charges against the defendants are based, the court adjourned until Monday.

OFFICIAL COUNT IN KENTUCKY.

TWELVE ELECTORS FOR MIKINLEY AND ONE FOR BRYAN.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 27.-The State Canvassing Board began its count of the Presidential vote this morning. Governor Bradley was not present, common points in Colorado and terminal points in California have petitioned the Interstate Compublican and Democratic committees were repre-

The official count shows that Kentucky's electoral vote stands twelve for McKinley and one for Bryan. The footings give Kash, the leading Rebryan. The footings give Kash, the leading Republican elector, 218,171 votes and Smith the leading Democratic elector, 217,20, a plurality of 28; for the Republican. The vote of the list two Kepublican electors is a tie, and the other electors will have to decide which shall be dropped for Smith, who received more votes. The silver Democrats gay they will file their contest next week.

NORTH CAROLINA'S CONGRESS VOTE. Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 27.—North Carolina's vote for Congressmen was officially canvassed to-day and is as follows: 1st District-Harry Skinne District-George H. White (Rep.), 19,338; F. A. Woodard (Dem.), 15,368; D. S. Moss (Pop.), 2,738. HId District-John E. Fowler (Pop.), 17,989; Frank Thompson (Dem.), 12,536. IVth District—W. F. Stroud (Pop.), 29,947; E. W. Pou (Dem.), 16,405. Stroud (Pop.), 20,947; E. W. Pou (Dem.), 16,95; Vth District—W. H. Kitchen (Dem.), 19,982; Thomas Settle (Rep.), 18,629; A. J. Dalby (Pop.), 567. Vith District—C. H. Martin (Pop.), 22,651; J. A. Lockhart (Dem.), 17,225; Vilth District—A. C. Shuford (Pop.), 17,669; S. J. Pemberton (Rep.), 14,29. Villth District—R. Z. Linney (Rep.), 19,412; R. A. Doughton (Dem.), 18,066. IXth District—Richmond Pearson (Rep.), 20,425; S. J. Adams (Dem.), 18,869; Miss Helen Lewis, 5. This is the first vote ever cast in North Carolina for a woman.

THE COUNT NOT FINISHED IN VIRGINIA.

Richmond, Va., Nov. 27.-The State Board of Canvassers has not yet completed its labors. The vote for the highest elector on each ticket is as follows: Bryan, 154,985; McKinley, 125,388; Palmer, 2,127; Levering, 2,341; Matchett, 115. Bryan has 19,597 more votes than McKinley under this count, which was finished this evening, but not officially announced. The Board, in answer to Mr. Flood's letter declining to accept the certificate of election as Congressman for the Xth District, says that the Hoard is a ministerial and not a judicial one, and that it is restricted and limited to the certified abstracts received through the regular channel. It has no knowledge of the alleged facts contained in the tabulated certificate presented by Mr. Yost's attorneys. It has no power to go behind the certified abstract, and no power to give to J. Yost votes accredited to Jacob Yost. The Board quotes a precedent to show that the National House of Representatives is the place to settle the question. ing to accept the certificate of election as

POLITICAL NOTES.

Jamestown has its own electric-light plant, and The News" pronounces the experiment a success, Light is being furnished to the city much chesper than by any private corporation in the past, and the only thing in the way is the efforts of certain city officials who are trying to bring the project into disrepute by giving the people a false idea of its cost and efficiency.

It is understood that Major Poole, whom Mr. Belden defeated for Congress, is a candidate for Commissioner of Pensions. So long as the Bryans, Tillmans and Altgelds con-

trol the Democratic party, so long, "The Granville

Sentinel" contends, will the thousands of Sound Sentine: contenus, who voted for McKinley remain in the Republican party. "They are we come," it adds, "because they are the best the old Democracy had, and they will add much strength to our party." If "The Plattsburg Press" is correct, most Repub lleans would rather see Mark A. Hanna in the Cab-

inet and John Sherman in the Senate than a reversal of this proposed arrangement. Nevada has two votes in the United States Sen

ate, one in the House of Representatives, three electoral votes and six delegates in National conventions. Yet the State's total vote, 10,655, is only about one-thirtieth of that cast in the late election by New-York City.

Nothing could be more absurd than the talk of Mr. Bryan and his rattle-brained followers about beginning the campaign of 1900 now. Such a proposition is simply ridiculous. As "The Chautauqua Farmer" bluntly says, "the thing won't work. That man has not been born, and never will be, who

heat for four years." The issues of the next cam-paign cannot be foretold now, nor can any living paign cannot be foretold now, nor can any living man say what will be the result of the next National contest. Eight years ago such a clear-headed politician as Senator Quay declared that the Republican party would remain in power for a quarter of a century, but in 1852 its opponents carried the country by a tremendous majority. Then the Quays on the other side began to talk of the long laise of power that awaited the triumphant Democracy, which four years later sustained one of the most crushing defeats in history. A lot of political history will be made in this country before the century closes and Mr. Bryan will do well to rest awhile.

SENATOR BURROWS'S VIEWS.

HE THINKS AN EXTRA SESSION WILL BE HELD Senator J. C. Furrows, of Michigan, arrived in this city yesterday afternoon, and went to the Fifth Avenue Hotel, where he was seen by a re-

porter. The Senator said he thought that an extra ssion of Congress would be called as soon as McKinley had been inaugurated. He was opposed to the coming regular session attempting to do anything with the tariff. The best thing Congress could do, he thought, was to pass the fourteen apcould do, he faought, was to pass the four-cent ap-propriation bills and go home again, since there would be small gain in trying to pass the Dingley bill at this session.

The Senator said that the extra session could

attend to the Tariff bill, and, after passing an adequate measure, could adjourn again by July 1. There would then be a year and a half in which the utility of the bill could be tested before another Congress was elected. Senator Burrows ex-pressed himself as in favor of a conservative tariff measure, with the duties made specific, instead of ad valorem. The ad valorem duty, he thought, was the crying evil of the Tariff law row in force The Michigan Senator declared that the Presi-The Michigan Senator declared that the President-elect should not be hampered in his choice of a Cabinet, but should be left uninfluenced in the performance of this duty. So far as he knew there was no organized attempt in Michigan to bring about the appointment of anybody to the Cabinet—not even General Alger.

The Senator had a word to say about the Cuban question. He declared that, should General Macco win a few important battles against Weyler, there could be little doubt that the insurgents would be recognized as beligrents by this Government, Personally, he had little fear of any great trouble with Spain.

NATIONAL DEMOCRATS TO MEET. A letter was sent yesterday to about one hundred

Democrats of New-York City who opposed the nominees of the Chicago Convention, asking them to attend a conference to be held at the Hoffman House on Thursday, December 3, at 8 p. m., to consider what steps should be taken to perfect the organization of the National Democratic party. organization of the National Democratic party. The letter was signed by Francis M. Scott, chairman, and Lawrence E. Sexton, secretary, of a sub-committee of the State Committee of the National Democracy appointed to undertake the object named.

GENERAL PORTER INDISPOSED.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 27.-General Horace Porter and I. C. Seligman, the banker, of New-York, who arrived in St. Louis Thursday, after a tour of inspection of the St. Louis and San Francisco road, started on their return trip to New-York at noon to-day. General Porter was taken ill directly after his arrival in St. Louis, and their stay was cut short. General Porter's illness is not regarded as serious.

BUSINESS EMBARRASSMENTS. South McAllister, I. T., Nov. 27.-D. A. Gill, pro-

prietor of the South McAllister Bank, assigned today. Liabilities, \$37,000.
Chicago, Nov. 27.—Shoninger, Levy & Co., whole

Chicago, Nov. 2.—Shoninger, Levy & Co., Wholesale lace dealers, of No. 270 Fifth-ave, confossed judgment in the Superior Court this morning for \$53,000. The liabilities are said to be between \$75,000 and \$100,000; assets not stated. The firm attributes its failure to slow collections and lack of business.

BROOME COUNTY WILL SUFFER NO LOSS Binghamton, N. Y., Nov. 27.—County Treasurer Rider, who has become responsible for a shortage of \$5,000 through the insolvency of his predecessor, D. L. Brownson, said in an interview this morning D. L. Brownson, said in an interview this morning that he did not care to make any statement for publication before the Board of Supervisors met. He had made no proposition of any kind to the Board, but merely submitted the facts. He was willing to face the responsibility and pay the full amount out of his own pocket, so the county would not lose anything. When the National Broome County Bank failed the sum of \$129,385 in county funds was deposited in the institution. Of this amount 25 per cent has been paid, and the balance is still due.

DESTRUCTION OF A GRAIN ELEVATOR. St. Paul, Minn., Nov. 27 .- The elevator of the St. Paul Elevator and Warehouse Company, at Third and St. Peter sts., was destroyed by fire this evening. There were 100,000 bushels of grain in the building. The loss is \$100,000, covered by \$30,000 of insurance.



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